

# HOME NEWS

Mrs PETER GUM died at her home near Meadow Dale, Highland County, August 8th. She had been an invalid for many years.

THE HIGHLAND RECORDER is talking rights of way for the new railroad, and expresses itself as being of the opinion that the right of way should be given.

HON CHARLES P. JONES and family went to Franklin Tuesday to attend a reunion of his family at his old home where his mother still resides. We wish them a happy time.—*Highland Recorder*.

ANOTHER singular complaint was made by one of our stockmen of another the other day. In speaking of him, this trader said: "Why he is sinfully close; he talked for three hours in a horse-trade over half-a-dollar." The question that was immediately asked by a bystander was "Who was talking on the other side?"

STRAYED: From the pasture fields of Mr. Withrow McClintic, near Buckeye, a dark bay mare, about 15 hands high, sway-backed, stiff in the shoulders, bare footed and tender, getting up in years. Last seen in Marlinton on Aug. 1, 1895. Any information of her whereabouts will be thankfully received. CHARLES LEE, Mill Point, W. Va.

IT is estimated that if the people who are in the debt to newspapers throughout the United States would pay said indebtedness, it would place an additional \$35,187, 748.73 in circulation, as the editors would immediately use the money to pay their more pressing obligations. This, then, is the way to do away with hard times—pay the printer what you owe him.—*Morn-town Post*.

THE Ballenger Family, as the show in town last week was called, was highly enjoyed by those who saw the performance. We hear of one of our most dignified citizens, who was seated on the top tier of seats, laughing so heartily that he dropped the baby, which fell through to the ground. The performance put every one in the best of humor and compared most favorably with the usual run of itinerant entertainments.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT.—Early frosts and cold winds have cut the fruit crop very short, but this fact seems only to stimulate our enterprising people to grasp time by the forelock. Save what little there is, Mason's jars have advanced about 40 per cent., but P. Golden is offering Mason's heavy green jar which is the best grade fully warranted *very low*. He wants all of his customers to beware of imitations in a lighter and whiter glass sold for less money, and recommended by unscrupulous dealers to be "just as good" and which when put to taste prove to be utterly worthless—high at any price.

ON our hacklines so much per mile is charged for passengers, no distinction being made for size or weight. This leaves a little man no alternative, but to pay as much as a man twice his size. Thus a slight little woman, weighing perhaps less than a hundred pounds, sits beside a two-hundred and fifty pound man, and pays the same for transportation. The fat man may go sound a sleep, break down the wagon, and cause the horse to stall with their load, and then pay his fare grumbling and threatening, while the light person pays up with a fluttering eagerness. No one will blame the hack men if they refuse to be made victims much longer, and especially on our long mountains and heavy roads, would they be expected to weigh each parcel, and charge accordingly.

A BRICKLAYER, from Weston, named Barrett, has been pursuing his vocation in Marlinton lately. The only thing remarkable to be noticed in him was a striking personal resemblance to one of our most prominent townsmen. In leaving he made an important omission in failing to pay his hotel bill, at C. A. Yeager's hotel. Now the legislature of this State once very nobly put aside their private interests and made it a misdemeanor for a man to jump his hotel bill. Officers were sent in pursuit of Barrett, who was acting in a sale-unbecoming to a law-abiding citizen. They captured him on Elk. In spite of the fact that the prisoner weighed near three-hundred, he was transported back to Marlinton. Here he had to face Squire Cook, and he weakened and settled board and cost in full. MORAL: If you weigh three-hundred pounds and have the *ox* do not *run away from anything*—stop and board until they ask you to leave.

A CLUB house will be erected on Greenbrier River, above Robert Kerr's, by Washington and Baltimore parties.—*Elkins News*.

B. GOLDEN, a Jew peddler well known in this County, has established a clothing store in Dry Fork, Randolph County.

LAST week Mr. C. D. Lam and Miss Eliza Moore were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Ham Moore, near Mt. Grove.

WITHROW MCCLINTIC threshed a fourhorse load of oats last Saturday after noon which yielded seventy-seven bushels. The load was taken off of considerably less than one acre.

THE trout is one of the most voracious fish of any water. They have teeth which cut the bait to pieces and when they bite they bite hard, but when they are not biting, nothing can induce them to bite. Trout are frequently lifted out the water and even thrown to shore without ever being hooked. The following incident would indicate what trout will do to be caught. Not long since the writer was fishing in one of the clear streams of these mountains, and having cast the bait in a pool which lay under the opposite bank, a vigorous pull was felt, and a nine-inch trout was lifted from the water apparently hooked. The fish dropped at the fisherman's feet in shallow water. In the swirl of the waters the fish could be seen lying perfectly still with a bit of bark in its mouth, which, no doubt it mistook for the bait. The bait was dropped close to the fish's head, and the fish swallowed it without a sign. After waiting a few moments the line was pulled in with the fish securely hooked. The trout had swallowed the worm as it lay.

THE furniture for the new courthouse has arrived and been placed in the building. It presents a fine appearance and will fit up the elegant building in a becoming manner. The main court room is furnished with chairs, such as are seen in the best opera houses. The bar has arm chairs and finely finished oak tables. The judge has a fine chair of antique oak upholstered with the best of Russian leather. The clerk's offices have every convenience. In the vaults are hundreds of steel document files, by means of which it will be easy to locate needed files. The bookshelves are provided with rollers, which enable you to get the heavy record books without ruining your fingers, and which lengthen the life of the book. Both clerks are provided with roll-top desks, and desks so arranged that a heavy record book will sink the level of the surrounding surface. In addition to these there are book shelves, tables, desks, chairs and many other conveniences with which the various departments will be fitted up.

## West Virginia Lands.

Probably at no time in the history of the State has there been such activity in West Virginia lands. In the past few weeks the State seems to be alive with eastern capitalists from Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, New Jersey and Maryland. Also, at the present writing, Ohio and Michigan people are traversing the Mountain State streams. All seem to recognize the fact that in a very short time these vast forests of timber must be felled, conducted to the mills, and thence sent to every part of the globe. Hence the activity to be the first on the ground and get the choice. Many of these lands ten or fifteen years ago could have been bought for almost a song, today is selling from ten to twenty dollars per acre. At the period of its cheapness it was remote and far from railroads, while at present time it lies either directly on the road or within easy access to it. Probably no county in the State is more looked at at present than that of Pocahontas, with its beautiful valleys, and the Greenbrier River, and its mountains covered with the finest timber of every description.

Now that the Dry Fork Railroad is an assured fact, which will run down the Greenbrier to Marlinton (the county seat) thence to the C. & O. R. R., calls special attention to these lands.

Within a short time a large deal will be consummated with eastern people for several thousand acres directly on the route of this road, on the Greenbrier River at or near Marlinton.—*Journal of Commerce*.

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What a Funny Name!  
Very True, but "  
... Kill All Pain.  
sold Everywhere, Every Day—  
Without Relief, There Is No Pain**

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## The Institute.

The Institute convened last Monday, with Prof. James T. Rucker, of Lewisburg, instructor. The usual exercises have been carried through, and all have had an interesting time. The instructor has a knack of drawing out work from the teachers and makes it easy for them to tell what they know. As we take it, this exchange of ideas is the main end of the Institute.

This is the second Institute held by Prof. Rucker in this county. As is well known, he is prominent in educational circles of the State. His home is in Lewisburg, where he is principal of the public school. He is at the present time prominently mentioned as the future nominee of his party for State Superintendent of Free Schools in 1896.

The teachers are comfortably placed in the various boarding-houses. They seem to heartily enjoy themselves, as, by the way, does everyone who comes to Marlinton.

On Tuesday night a public debate was held on the subject of compulsory attendance. Speeches were made by Superintendent Barlow, Attorney N. C. McNeil, Rev. W. H. Hart, J. A. McLaughlin, T. A. Bruffey, and others.

Special mention must be made to a clever talk on physiology made by Miss Fannie May Maxwell, of Green Bank, on Tuesday. It was something new to a Pocahontas County Institute to be favoured with an interesting lecture delivered by a lady.

J. A. McLaughlin is acting Secretary.

Wednesday morning Superintendent Barlow took up the subject of graded school, a much-needed innovation which has recently been introduced in West Virginia schools. The object is to carry along the education of the pupils in a uniform manner, and enable a pupil to receive a certificate of graduation. The Superintendent gave the following statistics which show the work in the schools:

Enrolled in the schools of the county, 1866 pupils; these are divided among the different branches of study as follow:

Spelling, 1432; 1st Reader, 238; 2d Reader, 180; 3d Reader 200; 4th Reader, 264; 5th Reader, 259; 6th Reader, 78; Writing, 961; Geography, 490; Language Lessons, 191; Grammar, 255; Mental Arithmetic, 399; Written Arithmetic, 666; U. S. History, 16; Physiology, 57; Civil Government, 43. Number of schools, 78; maintained at a cost of \$9197, of which \$3200 (about) was paid by the State.

A detailed account of the work of the Institute cannot be given here, and this report can only notice pointedly except what has come under the writer's observation.

## THE ROLL

### LADIES.

Bertie M. Beard,	Green Bank.
Emma Burner,	"
Fannie May Maxwell	"
M. Alice McLaughlin,	Dunmore.
Mary Marshall, Ruthford,	Richie.
J. Ann Smith,	Edray.
Allie Baxter,	"
Birdie Baxter,	"
Maggie Moore,	"
Sallie McLaughlin,	V. Center, Va.
N. J. McNeil,	Buckeye.
Estella McKeever,	Buckeye.
Nora E. Boblett,	Mill Point.
Lillie M. Smith,	"
Lucy Smith,	"
Anna Wallace,	Academy.
Mattie Curry,	"
Alice Clark,	"
Jessie Renick,	"
Verdie Clark,	"
Lena Hill,	Lobelia.
Lucy H. Kincaid,	Huntersville.
Florence Hively,	Dilley's Mill.
Sula Burner,	Travellers' Repose.
Lillie Friel,	Huntersville.
Maud Eskridge,	Academy.
Bess Patterson,	Green Bank.
Mry Madge Brown,	"

### GENTLEMEN.

J. A. McLaughlin,	Marlinton.
Dennis B. McNeill,	"
John B. Grimes,	Lobelia.
T. A. Bruffey,	"
Allen Burner,	Green Bank.
J. W. G. Smith,	Edray.
J. Douglas McNeil,	Buckeye.
D. P. Barnes,	"
J. Ligon Marshall,	Mingo, R. H. Co.
Charles Spencer,	Top Alleghany.
Samuel Spencer,	"
William B. Sharp,	Frost.
G. E. Moore,	Dilley's Mill.
John W. Grimes,	"
P. D. Arbogast,	Green Bank.
Frank W. Houchin,	T. Repose.
John S. Moore,	Mill Point.
Rev. W. H. Hart,	Marlinton.
J. W. Renick (col.)	Hillsboro.
A. L. Anderson,	Lobelia.
E. B. Vaughn,	"
C. Anderson,	"
W. H. Shafer,	"
T. M. McCarty,	"

Total number enrolled, 52; ladies, 28; gentlemen, 24. Enrollment on Wednesday. More teachers are expected.

## Frank Pruyne Barlow.

It becomes our mournful duty to write memorial words of a much esteemed youth who has recently passed away.

Frank Pruyne Barlow, the youngest son of Amos Barlow, Esq., and Mrs Mary Barlow, was born in Huntersville, West Virginia, on March 6th, 1880, and died July 14, 1895, of typhoid fever, after an illness of nine days continuance and during which he suffered extremely. In recalling the history of this brief life, now so sadly quenched, there are quite a number of interesting matters that are worthy of notice, and are very consoling to remember. For he manifested at his early age many engaging traits giving bright promise of his soon becoming a very estimable and useful man.

For the past two or three years his father has relied upon him as a voluntary confidential clerk to make a record of all the farming operations and the management of the live-stock. The well-filled memorandum book affords an example of accuracy and minuteness in giving details that would do credit to older and experienced observers.

Nothing appears to have escaped his notice, so closely did he attend the service he assumed of his own accord. All the settlements made by Frank's book came off without a single dispute, and proved perfectly correct and satisfactory. In fact he seems to have been a born business character for his aptitude in this respect was something wonderful for a person so young.

The amiability of his disposition was another trait that may be regarded as something quite remarkable too, for he was never known to be out of temper, and he was never known to speak an angry word to any one. At school he was a careful student and a faithful Sabbath School learner, always endeavoring to know his lessons well. A gentleman, whose opportunities to know Frank were of the most favorable kind, remembers him as one of the most piously inclined little boys he was ever acquainted with.

On the evening before his death some hours before his utterances became inarticulate, he was heard repeating his customary prayer, and then called for Clarence, his little nephew to come and say his prayers too.

With such suggestive and significant recollections to cherish in reference to his brief history, it is just what might be expected that a sympathizing Christian friend should write such words as these in a letter of condolence addressed to the bereaved parents: "Our good dear boy Frank has gone on before, but we trust and pray that some sweet day we shall all be safely gathered around the throne of God, where there will be no more parting, no more sickness, nor sadness, but one eternal joyful day. This life is given us to prepare for a better, life beyond the grave; and those that are called home while young escape the trials and troubles which attend a life in this world of sin. But how hard to give them up! God's grace alone is sufficient for these things."

The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

A more pathetic scene was never witnessed in the vicinity of Huntersville than the burial of this much lamented youth. The Sabbath evening sun was about to go down with shadows pointing to the sunrise. Hundreds of sympathetic friends, assembled from far and near, reverently moved in procession towards the green hill-side overlooking the scenes of his childhood. There, close by the side of his sister Agnes, who had triumphantly passed away several years ago, his friends tenderly laid him down.

His grave was sodded and a floral cross and crown placed thereon just as twilight shades began to render all dimly silent and more solemn still.

Thus when life's toilsome day is May its departing ray [over] Be calm as this impressive hour And lead to endless day.

W. T. P.

## LOBELIA.

Hot as August. We have had very heavy rains in this section. People are about done putting up grass.

Henry Casebolt and wife have gone to Nicholas to spend some weeks.

Madison Woods started to Nicholas this morning on a flying trip.

Mrs Morgan and son are on Elk visiting Mrs. Luther Sharp, that lady's daughter, who is sick.

Born: to Perry and Ruena Townsend, a boy. Report is that he runs every thing before him.

Cronshner has been dressing the burns at the steam mill of late.

Blackberries are almost an entire failure.

Rev. S. C. Morgan and W. B. Hill have returned from Germany, a settlement near Williamsburg. While there they attended a supper given to raise money to build a Church. There was plenty to eat, large crowd and good behavior.

The District Conference will commence at the McMillion Church August 28th. Quarterly meeting at the same time.

Brison Hill is informed that a nine inch silver vein has been found near or north west of his place. It was discovered by a silver expert. Let the good news go on.

## OBSERVER.

## HUNTERSVILLE.

Miss Maggie Patterson has been suffering from a mild attack of fever the past week or two. Other members of Dr. Patterson's family are indisposed.

Amos Barlow, Esq., has not been well for two or three weeks.

Mr Isaac Isaac Barlow is on the mend, but not able to be out of his room as yet. Mr Howard Barlow can walk around, and Miss Mary Barlow is nearly recovered. Mr Willis Baxter has had a tedious illness, but is recovering and will soon resume his business duties we hope. His brother Adam has been with him several weeks.

The Huntersville bridge is now open to the public, and the repairs reflect much credit on Mr Albert Sharp's energy and skill.

Mrs J. W. Milligan and daughters, of Buena Vista, are visiting relatives and friends at Huntersville and Driscoll.

Mrs Dr. Lockridge, of Driscoll, is visiting at Warm Springs.

The old jail is being repaired for a residence, and will make a nice appearance. The new jail will make an excellent kitchen, and storage room. How well it would be could all jails be put to such use!

Work is expected to begin on the proposed Masonic temple in a few days. The material is largely on the premises ready for operations.

Mr J. H. Doyle has recovered from his recent illness, brought on by overwork.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Eliza Kee, who holds a position under the government in Washington, is at home for a vacation of two weeks.

Rev. Geo. H. Echols is stopping in Marlinton this week.

Col. Cochran, of Staunton, was in Marlinton last Monday.

Mr. Will Tyree, of Frankford is here spending the week at the institute.

Dr. J. M. Cunningham is absent at Addison. He will return with Mrs. Cunningham, who has been in poor health during her stay at the Springs.

Squire T